GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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INCREASE IN AIR FARE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)the number of times air fare has been increased by the different airlines during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for increase of air fare each time; and

(c) the steps taken to avoid the frequent increase of air fare?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Domestic fares are not regulated and the Airlines are free to determine the same in accordance with their commercial judgement and market forces. During the last three years, domestic air fares of Indian Airlines have increased as under :-

1997

North Eastern Region - 10.5%.
Rest of India:

1.Sectors upto 700 Kms - 14.0%

2.Sectors above 700kms - 10.5%

1998

Category II Routes (Routes connecting stations in North-Eastern region, J&K, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands)-Nil.
Rest of India - 11.2%

As regards international fares, details of increase in air fare by different airlines during the last three years are given at Annexure.

(b): Fares have been increased to offset rising costs of operations including fuel costs.

(c): Since the domestic fares are not regulated, no steps are taken in this regard. In so far as international fares are concerned, the Government of India`s policy is to go alongwith the fares decided by International Air Transport Association (IATA) where all the airlines participate and pass unanimous resolutions for increase in fares etc. These IATA resolutions are adopted by all countries.

Annexure

Increase in air fare from India to other countries during last 3 years.

Country	Fare increased on
Japan	1.4.97,
TC1	1.4.97,16.9.99,
Canada	12.4.97, 8.4.98, 1.11.98, 31.10.99, 1.5.2000,

Canada via pacific	8.4.98, 1.11.98, 1.5.2000,
USA via pacific	1.6.97
All countries except to Canada & USA	1.4.2000
All countries via pacific except to USA/ Canada	1.4.2000
Area 1 except to Canada	1.10.2000
North America/Caribean via pacific except to Canada	1.10.2000
Central/South America via Pacific	1.10.2000
TC3 except Hongkong/ Philippines/Vietnam	15.4.97
TC3 except to Philippines, Taiwan & Vietnam	16.9.99
Taiwan	20.10.99
Philippines	16.11.99, 1.8.2000
Africa	15.4.97, 7.5.98, 1.4.2000
Middle East	1.6.99, 1.4.2000
Europe	16.6.99, 1.12.99, 1.4.2000
Korea	1.4.2000
South East Asia except to Guam, Hongkong, Indonesia, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam	1.4.2000
Thailand except from Bombay/Chennai to Bangkok	1.4.2000
From Mumbai to Bangkok	1.4.2000
From Chennai to Bangkok	1.4.2000
Guam	1.4.2000
Hongkong SAR	1.4.2000, 1.5.2000
Indonesia	1.5.2000

TC 1 - Tariff Conference Area 1
TC 3 - Tariff Conference Area 3
Area 1 - North and South America
Area 3 - From Indian sub-continent to Australia.